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SUBJECT: ESCAP:VISIT OF VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS

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1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS HELD RECEPTION NOVEMBER 25 FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS WHICH INCLUDED PRG REPRESENTATIVES (SEE REFTEL A). US DEPUTY PERMREP ALSO ATTENDED. VIETNAMESE STAYED CLOSELY TOGETHER AND FOLLOWED MAI HUU ICH WHEREVER HE WENT. MAI HUU ICH APPEARED TO BE OLDEST MEMBER. DURING DISCUSSION, IN PRESENCE NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE, HE REVEALED TWO MEMBERS WERE FROM NORTH VIETNAM, BUT HE DID NOT INDICATE WHICH ONES. ALL CLAIMED REUNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN JUST A FEW MONTHS (QUELQUES MOIS).

2. COMMENT: THIS MIXTURE OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE IN DELEGATIONS RAISES IMPORTANT QUESTION OF WHETHER REUNIFIED VIETNAM, WHATEVER IT IS CALLED, WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE VACATED
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SEAT OF SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH WAS CREATED BY ECOSOC RESOLUTION 517

(XVII) OF APRIL 22, 1954. NORTH VIETNAM CANNOT USE IT, EVEN UN
LEGAL OFFICE HAS SO INSTRUCTED MARAMIS. FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION
REMAINS: CAN A REUNIFIED VIETNAM SUCCEED TO SOUTH VIETNAM'S
SEAT IN ESCAP, OR MUST IT SEEK SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP BEFORE ESCAP
PLENARY AND THEN ECOSOC APPROVAL? US REPRESENTATIVE WILL NEED
TO KNOW THIS BEFORE COMBINED VIETNAMESE DELEGATION ARRIVES
ONE DAY.

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